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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Tohru YASUKOHCHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/367,642

Confirmation No.: Not Yet Assigned

Group Art Unit: 1712

Filed: August 19, 1999

Examiner: Buttner, D.

For: OXIRANE DERIVATIVE AND PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action of November 15, 2001, twice extended from February 15, 2001 to April 15, 2001 by the filing of an appropriate petition and payment for an extension of time submitted herewith, thus providing for timely filing by Monday, April 16, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 and 4-13 are amended as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An oxirane derivative represented by the following general formula (1):



wherein R represents a C_{1-7} hydrocarbon group; and n represents the average number of moles of oxirane groups added, ranging from 20 to 900, wherein the following requirements are satisfied:

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